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OF ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE PUT BUG INTO LEBANESE EAR THROUGH MY PERSONAL CHAT WITH KABBANI ABOUT LINE THEY SHOULD TAKE WITH OTHER ARAB STATES AT JULY 3 CAIRO MEETING OF ARAB FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS. GODLEY'S REPORT (BEIRUT 7456) INDICATES THAT OUR SUGGESTION MAY JUST POSSIBLY BE TAKING HOLD. TO NUDGE THIS APPROACH ALONG, I SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO INSTRUCT EILTS TO CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE TO FAHMY ON YOUR BEHALF.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

YOU SHOULD CONTACT FAHMY AND SAY THAT SECRETARY HAS ASKED YOU TO CONVEY FOLLOWING PERSONAL THOUGHTS FOR HIS AND PRESIDENT SADAT'S CONSIDERATION. AS FAHMY AND PRESIDENT SADAT KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT RISING
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TENSIONS IN LEBANESE-FEDAYEEN-ISRAELI SITUATION AND HAVE

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BEEN SEEKING, WITH SOME SUCCESS SO FAR, TO EXERCISE MODERATING INFLUENCE. WE ARE DEEPLY AWARE OF DIFFICULT

DILEMMA THIS SITUATION POSES FOR LEBANON AND FOR OUR OTHER ARAB FRIENDS. WITH BEST OF INTENTIONS, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ASSURE UNILATERAL ISRAELI RESTRAINT. WE WOULD THEREFORE HOPE THAT, AT FORTHCOMING CAIRO MEETING OF ARAB DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS, WAYS COULD BE FOUND TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR VIEW THAT IT IS IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE TO COUNSEL RESTRAINT ON FEDAYEEN LEADERSHIP. AS OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS KNOW, WE NEED TIME IN PERIOD AHEAD TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR THE NEXT STAGES IN THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS. UNLESS THERE IS A SUSPENSION OF BOTH FEDAYEEN AND ISRAELI RAIDS, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ENTIRE PEACEMAKING PROCESS WE ARE SEEKING TO MOVE FORWARD WILL BE JEOPARDIZED TO THE ULTIMATE DETRIMENT OF THE REAL INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS. END MESSAGE. SISCO

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